Upgradation of NH-17 and 47 into four lane traffic in Kerala

552. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State of Kerala submitted any proposal for the upgradation NH-17 and 47 into four lane traffic;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (c) Entire length of NH-17 & NH-47 aggregating to 838 km. is planned to be four laned in the State of Kerala, of which 78 km. has already been four laned. Four laning of the balance length is targeted for completion by December, 2013.

Upgradation of State Highways into National Highways in Tamil Nadu

553. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any representation for upgradation and declaration of State Highways into National Highways in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to upgrade State Highways into National Highways during the current financial year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The requirement of resources for development of existing National Highways is huge as compared to availability of resources. Hence, at present, emphasis is being given for development of roads already declared as National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways.

Funds for maintenance of NHs in MP

†554.SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds were provided for maintenance of National Highways in Madhya Pradesh from 2003 to 2009;

(b) if not the reasons for not providing the funds;

(c) if so, the details of the funds provided, year-wise; and

(d) the amount spent from the funds provided?